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BY THE

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EDWARD COOKE.

TO THE

READER.

IT being my Lot in the Breſt-*Expedition, to be on Board Their Majeſties Ship, the* Royal William, *commanded by the Marquiſs of* Caermarthen, *Rear Admiral of the* Blue, *I ſaw at our return to* Spit-Head, *His Lordſhip's Journal which he was ſending to His Grace the Duke of* Leeds; *I found it was ſo very Juſt, in every Particular, that I thought I ſhould do a very acceptable piece of Service to the Publick in printing it; I therefore got a Copy of it, which, with his Lordſhip's Allowance, I have here publiſhed, Word for Word, without any manner of Alteration, and have made an exact Draught of the Place, and manner of our Attack.*

Line of Battle, 1694.

The *Engliſh* to lead with the Lar-board, and the *Dutch* with their Star-board Tacks on Board.

Fire-Ships and Small Frigats.	Rates.	Ships.	Men.	Guns.	Diviſion.	Squadron.
Zeyll. 46		Weſtfrieſland.	450	88		
Deharder.		Koning William.	530	90	Vice Adm. *Van.*	
		Zeirick Zee.	325	60	*Putten.*	
Drakenſtein. 44		Captain General.	500	86	S. B. N. *Van. Goes,*	
Weſel. 30		Stol. Muyden.	400	72	Lieutenant Adm.	Dutch.
Wymberg.		Unic.	550	94		
Etna.		Damiaten.	210	50		
De Wolf. 30		Munikendam.	375	70		
Brandenburg.		Waſſanaar.	300	60		
		Princeſs.	500	92	Vice Adm. *Schey.*	
		Cheuwirſten.	500	94		
		ENGLISH.				
Hawk.						
Charles, Blaze, Fire Ships.	3	Suffolk.	340	60		
	4	Greenwich.	280	50		
Syam, Hoſp. Ship.	1	London.	730	100		
Shoreham.	1	Royal William.	780	106	Rear Admiral.	
Charles Galley.	3	Hope.	460	70		
Mercury, Advice Boat.	3	Dreadnought.	400	60		
Briſtol, Hoſp. Ship.						Blue.
Roebuck.	3	Monck.	340	60		
Speedwell, St. Paul, Fire Ships.	2	Royal Katharine.	540	80		
	1	Queen.	780	100	Admiral.	
Creſcent,	2	Dutcheſs.	660	90		
Diſpatch, Shark, Brigant.	3	Edgar.	445	66		
	3	Swiftſure.	420	66		
Diſcovery.	3	Lyon.	340	60		
Owners Love.	3	Captain.	460	70		
Machine, Joſeph, Fire Ships.	2	Neptune.	730	94	Vice Adm.	Red.
	2	Vanguard.	660	90		
London Merchant, H.S.	3	Sterling Caſtle.	460	70		
	3	Defiance.	400	62		

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JOURNAL

KEPT AT

SEA,

BETWEEN THE

Twenty Ninth of May, *and the Fifteenth of* June, 1694. *With an exact and Impartial Relation of our late Expedition and Attempts in* Camarett Bay, *near* Breſt.

MAY 29. 1694: This Day we had little Wind, and variable, from the S. S. E. round the Compaſs. In the Morning we had the Signal for the Fleet to Weigh; but falling calm, rode faſt. Afternoon the Wind came to the N. W. with Showers of Rain, and at Night much Lightning.

On

On the 30*th.* about 4 a Clock in the Morning we had the Signal for Weighing, the Wind at N. N. W. and then to N. W. We came to Sail, and about 10 a Clock *Donnoze* bore S. W. by W. about 5 Miles diſtant. At 8 at Night the *Needles* bore N. W. by W. about 3 Leagues diſtant, we ſtanding off all that Night.

On the 31*ſt.* At 4 in the Morning the High Land of St. *Albans* bore N. ½ W. of us, about 3 Leagues diſtant. We had little Wind at N. W. About 9 there was a Council of War held on Board the *Britannia*, where were preſent,

Mr. *Ruſſel*, Admiral of the Fleet.
The Lord *Berkeley*, Admiral of the *Blue*.
Sir *Cloudeſley Shovel*, Vice-Admiral of the *Red*.
Colonel *Aylmer*, Vice-Admiral of the *Blue*.
Colonel *Mitchel*, Rear-Admiral of the *Red*
The Marquis of *Caermarthen*, Rear-Admiral of the *Blue*.
Captain *Bing*, eldeſt Captain to the Admiral.

Lieutenant-General *Talmaſh*.
Earl of *Macclesfield*.
The Lord *Cutts*.
Sir *Martin Beckman*.

Admiral

Admiral *Allemonde*, Admiral of the *Dutch*.
Vice-Admiral *Vander-Putten*.
Vice-Admiral *Schey*.
Vice-Admiral, *Vander-Goes*.
Rear-Admiral *Everten*.
Captain *Vander-Duten*.

Where it was Reſolved,

Firſt, That the Fleet deſigned for *Breſt* ſhould make the beſt of their way for *Camarett Bay*, and Anchor there, where the Land-Forces were to be immediately diſembarked, and the Fleet to remain at Anchor, 'till they had Advice from Lieutenant-General *Talmaſh* of the Condition of the Fort on the Starboard ſide going in, and what Forces he might find there.

Secondly, That the going into *Breſt* Water with the Fleet being taken into Conſideration, 'twas not then thought adviſable, to come to any poſitive Reſolution at what time to go in, but to have that matter to be conſidered of, when the Fleet arrived at *Camarett Bay*.

Thirdly, That a Red Enſign on the Fore-Top-Maſt-Head on Board the Admiral, and firing a Gun, was agreed upon to be the Signal for the Soldiers Imbarking on Board the ſmall Veſſels and Boats; and

and the taking down the ſaid Signal, and firing Two Guns, the Signal for the Soldier's going from the Fleet on Shore.

But in going on Board the *Britannia*, there aroſe a Fogg, which laſted 'till Noon; then came a fine freſh Gale of Wind which clear'd up the Fogg; and at 8 at Night *Portland* bore N. W. by N. about 3 Leagues diſtant.

June 1*ſt*. At 4 a Clock in the Morning, *Portland* bore N. W. about 5 Leagues diſtant, the Wind at W. by S. and at 8 (the Ebbing ſpent) we Anchored in 29 Fathom Water, (*Portland* bearing N. ½ W. about 4 Leagues diſtant) with pleaſant Weather. At 2 Afternoon we came to Sail again, and at 8 at Night the *Start* bore W. S. W. ½ S. about 6 Leagues diſtant; and at 9 we Anchored in 19 Fathom Water, with a ſmall Breeze Northerly.

On the *Second*, at 3 a Clock in the Morning we Weighed, it being calm; and at 6 the *Berry-Head* bore W. by S. about 5 Leagues; at half an Hour after 9 we Anchored in 25 Fathom Water, where we lay till half an Hour after 2, then Weighed, having a fine Gale at S. W. and at 8 at Night the *Berry* bore W. S. W. about 3 Leagues diſtant, the Wind at N. W.

June 3. We

June 3d. We had a Calm all the Morning, till about 7 a clock, then a small Gale at N. N. W. Afterwards veering to the W. and W. S. W. At Noon we had the ſtart W. S. W. about 3 Leagues diſtant. And at 8 at Night N. W. B. N. about 3 Leagues, the Wind then at N. W.

On the 4th. At 4 a clock in the Morning, the *Lizard* bore N. W. about 3 Leagues diſtant, the Wind at W. N. W. afterwards came about to S. W. B. S. At Noon, the *Lizard* Land was N. E. W. half W. about 5 Leagues diſtant; and at 8 at Night, the *Ram-head* N. W. half W. about 5 leagues diſtant; till this Fleet at this time plying to the Weſtward.

On the 5th. At 4 a clock in the Afternoon (the Wind at N. W. and the *Ram-head* bearing N. of us, about 37 Miles diſtant) we parted from Admiral *Ruſſel*, with 29 Sail of Line of Battel Ships, Engliſh and Dutch (beſides ſmall Frigats, Fire-Ships, Machines, Tenders, Well-Boats, and 5 Bomb-Veſſels) under the Command of my Lord [illegible]. The Admiral, with the reſt of the Fleet at the ſame time, making the beſt of his Way for the *Streights*, and We for *Cawaret-Bay*.

On the 6th. at 9 a clock in the Morning, my Lord *Berkeley* made the Signal for a Council of War, for conſulting, directing and ordering all things to be in a readineſs for Landing in *Camaret-Bay*. And,

1ſt. It was agreed to put in Execution the Reſolutions of the Council of War afore-mention'd, held on board the *Britannia*, the 21ſt. of *May*, Admiral *Ruſſel* Preſident.

2dly. It was reſolved to ſend a Lieutenant in each of the Ship's Boats (that carry the Men on ſhore) to Command them.

3dly. It being Propos'd to go in without Flags, it was Reſolv'd in the Negative.

My Lord *Cutts* adviſ'd landing all the Grenadiers (which were about 600) a little before the reſt of the Forces, that (in caſe the Enemy ſhould be intrench'd, and that it ſhould be reſolv'd to attack them) we might be in a better Condition to force their Entrenchments; and alſo adviſ'd, That before they ſhould land, a Captain, with 50 Grenadiers, might go on ſhore,

to discover the Posture and Countenance of the Enemy; for 'twas his Lordship's Opinion (if their Intrenchments were very strong, and sustain'd by Regular Troops) not to attack them, believing the thing, in such a case, not to be practicable; but if the Grenadiers should all land, then the rest of the Forces should immediately land to sustain them. This Advice of his Lordship's was by all extremely well-approved of, and Lieutenant-General *Talmash* himself agreed it should be so: accordingly it was order'd, That all the Grenadiers should be embark'd on the Well-Boats, and my Lord *Cutts* very honourably offer'd his Service to Command them; which Lieutenant-General *Talmash* also consented to.

It was also consulted at this Council of War, Whether we should stand in for *Camaret-Bay* that Night (though in the Night,) And 'twas Resolv'd, To endeavour to make the Land that Evening, and to go in as far as we could in the Night. Accordingly we made sail, and about 6 a clock in the Evening we saw *Ushant*, bearing S. E. half E. about 7 Leagues distant; but at 10, so many of our Tenders and Well-Boats, besides some Ships, were so far a-stern,

that we were forc'd to lie by for them, till the next Morning.

June 7th. At Three a clock in the Morning we made fail, the Wind at N. N. E. At Four, had them E. S. E. of us, about Three Leagues distant. At Twelve, St. *Matthew's Cloyster* bore N. E. by E. And at Half an hour after One (the Tyde of Ebb being strongly made) we were forc'd to come to an Anchor about a league S. S. E. from St. *Matthews* Point, in 20 Fathom Water. At Five (the Tyde of Flood being made) we weighed again, and stood in; and at Seven, came to an Anchor between *Canaret*-Bay, and the Bay of *Bertheaume*, in 16 Fathom Water.

In our coming in (the Wind shortning upon us) we were forc'd to make two Trips from side to side, before we could get to our design'd Anchoring place. In which time, we were received with Bombs from 4 Points of high Land. The first Bomb that was thrown at us, was from the West Point of *Canaret* Bay, our Ships being forc'd (at first) to stand near that Point, the Wind being at N. N. E. so that we had several Bombs thrown at us, before we reach'd, and stood the

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other way, and after we were about, and had ſtood pretty near the N. Shore, we were alſo received with ſeveral Bombs from an old Caſtle which ſtood very high upon a little Iſland cloſe to the W. Point of *Bonheaume* Bay; and after we had tack'd again, as we were ſtanding in to come to an Anchor, the other Two Points on each ſide of the Narrow, going into *Breſt* Road, (one on the N. ſide, called *Point des Minimes*; the other on the S. ſide, called *Point des Filletes*, (which is the W. end of *Point Spaniole*,) play'd alſo their Bombs at us. But the Two latter could not throw them ſo far as our Ships, tho' the Two former did; and after we were come to an Anchor, they continu'd throwing Bombs at us from all the afore-mention'd Places, till Ten a clock at night, but did us no damage at all.

A little before we came to an Anchor, My Lord *Cutts*, and my ſelf, agreed to go on Board my Galley, and look into *Camaret* Bay, taking along with us Sir *John Jacob*, Captain *Putnam*, Captain *Hammond*, Mr. *Vanbrooke*, &c. that were on Board the *Royal William*, and accordingly went on Board my Lord *Berkely* for leave, where we met my Lord *Mohun*, and Mr. *Wharton*, who alſo deſir'd to go along with us; and having ſtood well

boyl'd into the Bay, so as to gain a good View of it, we were warmly fir'd at by *Camaret*-Fort; but by the Assistance of those few little Guns we had in the Galley, and the good Sailing of her, we made a shift to get out again, without any Damage.

Then we return'd on Board my Lord *Berkely*, and after having given an Account of the Posture of the Bay, and the Situation of its Castles, how advantagiously it lay for defending the Landing-Places; 'twas thought fit that Two Ships of about 60 Guns each, should be sent in, in the morning to batter that Castle, and accordingly my Lord *Berkely* ordered the *Monk*, and a Dutch Man of War, about the same Force, to go in for that purpose. But I (having view'd the Place) did believe that Two Ships would not be sufficient to cover our Boats at their Landing, from the Fire of that Fort, and therefore mov'd his Lordship to think of sending such a Number, as would be sufficient not only to secure the Boats from the Shot of the Castle, but also give Assistance to our Land-Forces, (when landing) by playing some of our Cannon upon the Enemies Troops, which we had great Reason to believe would strongly oppose them; finding them much

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better prepared on all Sides, with Mortars, Guns, and Men, than we expected: But all my Proposals in that Matter, my Lord *Berkely* referr'd to the Opinion of a Council of War, which he then resolved to call the next morning by Three or Four a clock.

On the 8th. at Break of Day, was a flark Calm, and so great a Fog, that we could not see half the length of our Ships from us, and continued so till between 6 and 7, at which time the day clear'd up, so that the Signal for a Council of War was easily perceived; as also that for Embarking the Soldiers, at the same time we saw drawn up in a Line, upon the High-land on the W. side of *Cancale* Bay, Fourteen Squadrons of the Enemies Horse, which appeared to us to be Regular Troops, being all very well cloathed.

Between Seven and Eight a Clock, the Council of War, consisting of the English and Dutch Flags, and the General Officers of the Land-Forces, were assembled, and after consulting what was best to be done, for the securing our Land-Forces, on their Approach to the Enemies Shore, and to cover their Landing, 'twas resolved (as I had

had proposed to my Lord *Berkely* the night before) to send in Three English, and Three Dutch Frigats more, besides the *Monk* and Dutch Man of War afore-mentioned, which were only ordered to batter the Fort, and I (having the night before been in the Bay, and view'd the Posture thereof) offer'd my Service to Command the Ships ordered on this Occasion; which being Accepted of, I desir'd also, that Lieutenant-General *Talmash* might send some sitting Land-Officers, to go in with me, who (when we were come to an Anchor in the Bay) might be able, and return soon enough to give him an Account of all the Difficulties was possible for us, from our Ships, to discover in any of the proper Landing-Places, so that he might the better avoid those Difficulties, and land in the most easie Place of Access; which also was agreed to, and accordingly the Lieutenant-General appointed Monsieur *Mountergis* to go with me.

In all other Matters, this Council of War agreed in their Resolutions with that of the 6th. excepting this Addition, That when my Lord *Berkely* should hoist a White Flag at the Fore-Top-Mast Head, all the Ships, Small Vessels, and Boats, should come off, and make the best

best of their Way, out of the Bay to him again.

Before the Council of War was ended, several of the Vessels and Boats, (in which the Land-Forces were Embarqu'd,) came under my Lord *Berkley's* Stern, but the Mysty Weather before, and the Calm, which yet continued, hindred them from getting to that Rendezvous, so soon as was design'd, by Three or Four Hours.

I also desir'd my Lord *Berkely* (tho' he had ordered the *Monk*, and *Damaten*, a Dutch Man of War, to go in and batter that Fort, before I came in with the other six Ships,) that he would give me leave to go in with the *Monk*, and lay her and the said Dutch-man in the most proper Stations for so doing, because neither of the Captains knew any thing of the Figure of that place, and I could easily return time enough, for leading in the other six Ships, and place them also to the best Advantage; which his Lordship granted, and agreed would be very convenient, so taking my leave of him, I went on Board the *Charles*

Galley, and hoisted my Flag there, he not being willing I should hoist it on Board the *Monk*, because he would have me take the greatest care of posting the other six Frigates as conveniently as could be to cover our Forces landing, and to annoy (as much as possible) the Enemies Forces, which we had great reason to believe was intrench't on the East side of the Bay; so that to have hoisted my Flag on board the *Monk*, to have struck it again, (when 'twas absolutely necessary to have it on board another Ship for leading in the rest to their design'd Stations) would have given such encouragement to the Enemy, that they would have thought they had knock'd down a Flag-Officer, or that they had done us a great deal more damage than they did.

The Six Ships appointed to go into the Bay with me on this occasion, were the *Greenwich*, a Ship with Fifty-four Guns mounted, the *Charles* Galley with Thirty-two, and the *Shoreham* with Thirty-two; and the *Drakenstein* with Forty-four, the *Wesep* with Thirty, and the *Wolf* with Thirty; but the *Greenwich*, (on board of which I had design'd to have hoisted

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my Flag) by reason of the Negligence of her Commander, (whose Name is *Weyman*) or his Cowardice, or both, had disobey'd my Orders, and came not near me all that day; so that the best half of the *English* Force, in that little Detachment, was left behind: After I had hoisted my Flag I called together the Five Captains, that afterwards went in with me, and gave them as good a Description, by a Map, as I could, of the Bay we were going into, and how I design'd they should be there Posted, and what we were then to do, Ordering them with the Five Ships under their Command to follow at such a convenient Distance from me, as that (after I had posted the *Monk*, and Dutch Man of War appointed to batter the Fort) I might return time enough to lead them into their proper Stations.

Then I went on Board the *Monk*, it being about Twelve of the Clock at Noon, making the best of my way in for the Bay: But it continued yet so calm, that I was forc'd to get Boats to tow us on our way, and as soon as we were separated a little

from the Fleet, the Enemy began to throw their Bombs very fast upon us, from *Point des Fillettes*, and the VV. Point of *Camaret*-Bay, and after we were come within Three Quarters of a Mile of the latter, one of their Bombs broke just over our Heads, in the *Monk*, a great piece of which struck through her Poop, and Two Decks more, and came out again into the VVater near one of the Stern Ports, on the Larboard-side in the Gun-Room, killing Two Marines of my own Company, and wounding a Third which stood close by me on the Poop, and soon after (which was about One of the Clock) a fine *Breeze* sprung up at North-VVest, which set us apace into the *Bay*, and as soon as we were come up a-breast of the VVest-Point, *Camaret*-Fort fir'd very fast at us; and we being forc'd

fore'd, at that time, to ſtand with our Stem right upon it, the Shot from thence did us a great deal of Damage; they, for a conſiderable time having the opportunity of Raking us fore and aft, (no Shot from the Fort being thrown at us of a leſs nature than a Demi-Cannon,) and we not able to bring any but our chaſe Guns to bear upon them. And after we were pretty well ſhot into the Bay, we were ſurpriz'd with Three Batteries firing upon us; which we did not perceive, or know any thing of, till we felt their Shot: two of which, as we were going in, was on our Starboard-ſide, one of Three Guns, and the other of Five, and another of Six Guns, upon our Starboard *Bow*, cloſe by *Camarett*-Church. There was alſo a Redoubt ſtood pretty high behind the Fort and the Church, which had five or ſix

Guns

Guns mounted, but of a ſmall nature. So when the reſt of the Ships came up, finding all theſe Batteries ſo extremely defenſive againſt us, I was forc'd to alter my former Reſolutions of placing them: and after I had brought the Monk, and a Dutch Man of War, into the moſt proper Station I could judge, for battering the Fort, I was neceſſitated my ſelf to go on board every particular Ship, that was following me, to fix ſome of them, ſo as to give Diverſion to thoſe Batteries; and the others in the moſt convenient Stations I could at that time get them to, for defending our Land-Forces (on their approach to the Shore) from the Cannon-ſhot; and alſo to execute our Deſign on the Enemies Land-Forces, and cover our own on their Deſcent. But I had no ſooner parted from the *Monck*, but

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the Wind came about to the N. E. which then alſo made it very difficult for me to proſecute my Deſign; but with getting moſt of their Boats together, and towing firſt one Ship, and then another, I made a ſhift, at laſt, to poſt them in ſuch a manner, that I am very well aſſured, gave great Succour to our Land-Forces, and alſo a conſiderable Annoyance of the Enemy; though not ſo much as they ſhould have done, had not the Wind unluckily come about from the Weſtward to the Eaſtward.

As ſoon as we were come to an Anchor, Monſieur *Mountergis*, as well as my ſelf, plainly perceived that the Enemy had very advantagiouſly intrench'd themſelves at every place where there was any poſſibility

ſibility of Landing; and there was alſo great numbers of Foot drawn behind their Trenches, beſides ſome Regular Troops of Horſe. And as we were ſtanding into the Bay, we ſaw all thoſe Squadrons of Horſe (which were before drawn up on the high Land on the VVeſt-ſide of the Bay) riding round, as faſt as they could, to the deſign'd Landing-place.

As ſoon as we had ſeen theſe uncomfortable Proſpects, Monſieur *Mountergis* went with all ſpeed to acquaint the Lieutenant-General therewith; who was at that time with moſt of the Land-Forces pretty well advanc'd towards the *Bay*, (the Signal being made for the Forces going on ſhore as ſoon as I began to engage.)

I thought

I thought our Land Forces mov'd towards the Shore in great disorder, and how it happned I know not, but Lieutenant General *Talmash*, with a small number of Well-boates in a kind of confused manner went on shore under a little Rock on the South side of the small Bay, where they landed: And I saw no prosecution of that regular way of landing, which my Lord *Cutts* propoled, and was before agreed on; but having a great deal on my hands, and so little assistance, that I was forc'd, generally to go on my own Messages, I am able to give but little account of what was done close by the Shore: Only that when I saw the Boates, and small Vessels (in which our Land Forces were imbarqu'd) had made their retreat from thence, (excepting such as stuck fast there, in which a great many men were kill'd, and out of which others were taken Prisoners, and some jumpt into the Water, endeavouring that way to make their escape) I went with my 20 Oar'd-boat pretty close to the Shore in hopes to save some, and had the good fortune to take

up several before they were drowned; at the same time I had the opportunity to take notice of the disposition of that little Bay. The Enemy all then making a running Fire round all their Trenches, and from every Battery they had raised on this occasion; and tho they also fired Ball at us, it presently shewed they meant it only as a Signal of their Victory, but by that means I easily discovered how they were provided.

This was a Sandy Bay, about 300 yards in Front, and was naturally easie of access, and was flankt on the right, and left with strong Earth-works, and Cannon, and had a deep Trench of Communication, from one work to the other fronting the Water, within less than half Musquet-shot from the waterside. But according to my poor judgment in matters of this kind, the preparations they had made was such (the great number of the Troops both of Horse and Foot, which they had behind their Works to sustain them, considered) it would have been altogether im-

impossible (had we had double our Force) to have executed our Design.

Our Ships both at their comming in, and when anchored in the Bay made a very vigorous fire upon the Enemy for about 2 hours. but *Cameret*-fort had such thick Walls and our men was so undisciplin'd and such ill Marksmen, that I believe we did the Fort but little Damage, tho we occasion'd their men to run out of it twice, and saw their Officers driving them back again, but after that, our men fleeing the Boates with the Land Forces were repulsed, and forc't to retreat, and the *French* Batteries firing still very vigorously on them, and every moment some of them falling, and many kill'd and wounded; great numbers of the Ships Companies that were there, both *Dutch* and *English*, ran into the Hold, in spight of all the Officers could do to prevent it.

As soon as I had disposed of the poor men I sav'd from drowning, I went on Board the *Charles Galley* again, and after I had been

there about half and hour, I saw the signal made for bringing off the Ships, and accordingly sent to every Ship to get off as fast as they could: But the greatest difficulty I had in all this Action was to effect that part, for almost all their Rigging was cut to pieces, and most of their Masts and Yards disabled, so that there was no way left to preserve them, but by towing them off with great number of Boates, and we had but very few left with this little Squadron, by reason almost all the Boates in the Fleet were forc't to be made use of for the assistance of the Landforces. So that Boates being our only remedy, and delay in getting them, of most dangerous consequence, and fearing an inferior Officer might not be so speedily obey'd, I was oblig'd to go my self after the Pinnaces and Barges, carrying off some of the Officers of the Land Forces, and (disimbarking some of them) force in as many of the Boates as I could procure, timely enough, to tow off the Ships, the Boates Crews being very unwilling to go back to such a hot place notwithstanding I return'd with them,

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and then not having enow to imploy in towing off two Ships at once, I first clapt them all to the *Charles Gally*, she being the farthest advanced into the Bay, and the most disabled in her Masts, Sails and Rigging, and also her Rudder having received such an unlucky Shot, as made it wholly unserviceable to her. But by this time the *Shoreham*, whose Masts, Sails and Rigging were not so much disabled as the rest, by the assistance of two or three Boates got out of the Bay clear of all. And after I had tow'd the *Charles Gally* so far out as that he had weathered the Rock, close by the West Point of the Bay, I took all the Boates from her but three, and brought them back with all Expedition, and clapt them to the *Monk*. At this time the *Dutch* Man of War (which I had posted with her Broad side to the little Bay, where our Forces attempted to Land) being a great deal to windward of the rest, (and having received very little Damage, as being at the greatest distance from *Cumaroo*-fort, and the Bat-

Batteries on the West side,) immediately sailed out, without the assistance of any Boates. Whereupon, her Boates, with what other *Dutch* Boates I could meet, I sent to the assistance of two of the other *Dutch*-men of War, which lay on the West side of the Bay, and in a short time, tho they were very much shatter'd, made a shift to get out. By that time they were out, the *Monk* had got up her Anchors; and after I had given the Fort her broadside (as near as I could) in a Volley, (the boates being all ready) I made them tow her Head round off in that Smoke, and so continue towing as fast as they could. No sooner was her Smoke dispersed, but the Enemy (perceiving her going off) fir'd (I think) more vigorously at her than they had done all the time before, and (her Stern lying fair with the Fort) what Shot then took place in her, (raking her fore and aft) did her more damage, than she had receiv'd most of the time before. She being not far from the West side of this Bay, and the Wind at E. N. E.

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and having no Sails to make use of, but her tow Courses, all her Topmasts, Rigging, Yards, and her Rudder also being so much disabled, that she had no Steeridge, but what the boates gave her, occasion'd her driving so much towards that shore, so that we were forc'd to make the Boates to tow all they could to windward, which laid them so open to the Forts Shot, which the Enemy perceiving, fir'd as fast as they could at them, and their Shot flew so thick among the Boats, that it dishearten-ed their Crews, that they gave over towing, and ran all of a huddle under the shelter of the Ship, notwithstanding all the Officers could say or do to encourage them; so that for their encourage-ment I was forc'd to go my self in my own boat, and tow, in the middle of them, that the Ship might be kept from the Rock near the point to the Leward of her, towards which she then drove very fast. I had been but a little while among them, before a shot struck through a boat, on my Right hand, which wounded a Lieuten-nant and one of his Men, and almost sunk her

her, and a little while after, came a Shell into a Boat on my left hand, close by me which killed four Men and wounded two more, and sunk the Boat, all at once; and this so discouraged my Men, that they all gave over towing, and began to get under the shelter of the Ship again, so that I was forc'd my self to fire a Musquet at them, and to take up another to do the same, before I could make them return to their work.

With these difficulties I made a shift to get the *Monk* clear of this dangerous Rock, and brought her off, tho she did not escape coming upon it near half her Length, where if she had struck she would have most certainly been lost.

After I had got her clear, and out of all danger, there was but one Ship left behind, which was a small *Dutch*-Man of 30 Guns, call'd the *Wasp*. I had some time before called to several *Dutch* Boats to go and help

help her, but finding they had not obey'd my Order, I was going my ſelf, when I ſaw two Boats put off from her ſide: I row'd up to them, to know in what condition She was, and found an *Engliſh* Enſign in one of them; who told me, the Captain, with all his Officers, and Men, were kill'd, but what I ſaw in thoſe two Boats; and that the Ship had Twelve Foot Water in Hold, and was ſinking: He ſaid likewiſe, that half the Company he belong'd to, being accidentally left on Board with him, were all kill'd, but himſelf, a Drummer, and one Man more; and ſeeing there was no poſſibility of ſaving her, I went immediately to my Lord *Berkeley*, who was then on Board the *Dread-nought* (where the General was carried in order to his going to *England*, for the taking care of the Wound he had received in his Thigh:) moſt of the Flag and General Officers of the Land Forces, being alſo then on Board the *Dread-nought* to ſee the Lieutenant General. My Lord *Berkeley* thought it very convenient to conſult what was beſt to be done, and without making a Signal for a Council of War, he

ſent for the reſt of the Flag-Officers; and after a long Conſultation, the Reſult was as follows, word for word.

At a Council of War of Flag-Officers at Sea, and General-Officers at Land, held on Board Their Majesties Ship the Dread-nought *the 8th. of* June 1694. *in* Camarett *Road.*

OUR ill Success this Day on Shore being considered, and that the Enemy were intrenched almost in every Bay, it was considered what was now best to be done with the Fleet and Land-Forces on Board. General *Talmash* being asked, If he had Power to make any Attempt upon any other place than *Brest*, he said he had not; but propoſed, if it might not be for the

Service to ſend into *Breſt* a Squadron of ſmall Frigats, with Bomb-Veſſels, to try to Bomb the Town; but 'twas thought by the Council of War by no means adviſeable, becauſe they could not go in without a Weſterly Wind, which was now Eaſterly; nor could they come out again, without an Eaſterly Wind; ſo that we ſhould be bound to ſtay there for them, were it never ſo long; beſides, not knowing certainly what Forces the Enemy might have in *Breſt*, it might be ſending them into the Enemy's hands.

It being then propoſed, what was the beſt place to go to from hence; *Spithead* was reſolved upon, it being the fitteſt place to Land the Soldiers, and to re-fit our maimed Ships; it was alſo reſolved to leave two Men of War, and two Fireſhips off *Uſhant*, to give Notice to all Ships, that came there to ſeek for us, where we were gone. Another reaſon for not ſending the ſmall Frigats with the Bomb-Veſſels into *Breſt*, was, That one was ſunk battering the Forts, and moſt of the

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reſt for the preſent made unſerviceable, Reſolved to Sail to morrow Morning by break of Day, Wind and Weather permitting.

Berkeley, *Fills Schey*,

Clou. Shovell, *P. Vandergoes*,

Carmarthen, *Tho. Talmaſh*,

Fran. Allemonde, *Macclesfield*,

Car. Vander-Putten, *Cutts*.

After this Conſultation was over, every Officer returned to his proper Ship.

In this Action, all the Captains (both *Engliſh* and *Dutch*) who commanded the Ships that went into *Camarett Bay*, behaved themſelves with great Gallantry, and particularly

larly Captain *Warren*, Commander of the *Monk*; who not only ſhewed himſelf to be a Man of extraordinary Courage, but in all kinds behaved himſelf as well as 'twas poſſible for a Commander to do.

On this occaſion moſt of the Volunteers on Board the Royal *William* offered me their Service, which I accepted of, and they all behaved themſelves extraordinarily well, and were moſt of them of great uſe to me, particularly Mr. *Vanbrooke*, Captain *Chaſſeloup*, Mr. *Bonard*, and Mr. *Dixon* (my Secretary.)

Mr. *Vanbrooke* during all this Action, ſtuck very cloſe to me, and in a great many things, was extremely ſerviceable both by his advice and otherwiſe.

Captain

Captain *Chaffeloup* was with me both in the *Monk*, and *Charles Galley*, in which Ships, he was often forc'd to do the Duty both of Lieutenant and Maſter; and without him, (he knowing the place particularly well) I ſhould not have been able to have poſted the Ships ſo conveniently as I did.

The *Charles Galley* having but one Lieutenant on Board Her, and he ſo dull a Creature, that he was very uſeleſs, Mr. *Bonard* and *Dixon* were forc'd to ſupply his Defects, which each of them perform'd with ſo much Courage and Dexterity, that without them, the Captain would have had no aſſiſtance, and the Ship have been much more unſerviceable than She was.

Mr.

Mr. *Shewell*, my Chaplain, would needs go along with me likewise on this occasion, and was very service-able, shewing a great deal of Bravery himself, and giving good Advice, and thereby great incouragement to the Seamen.

Theophilus Hodgson (my Eldest Lieutenant) went also voluntarily along with me, whose Service (had he not been with us at our going in and coming out) we should have much wanted, for besides the Service he did in general, when it was hard to find any of the *Monks* People that would attempt it, he very readily clap'd a Spring upon Her Cable, by that means to bring Her Broad-side to bear on the Enemies Fort, and in getting the Ship off, he both performed

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the Duty of ſeveral Officers, as alſo of a common Seaman, during the whole Action, he did not only ſhew himſelf to be an extraordinary ſtout Man, but wonderfully active.

Mr. *Ripley* (the Chief Mate of the *Royal William*) was alſo with me, who (after the Maſter of the *Monk* was kill'd) did his Duty, and was a great help to us in ſaving the Ship.

Two young Gentlemen, whoſe Names were *Tankard* and *Trow*, were alſo very ſerviceable on board the *Monk* in this Action; but the latter had the Misfortune to have his Leg taken off with the very laſt Shot that ſtruck the Ship, of which Wound he died in 3 or 4 hours.

The three *Engliſh* and four *Dutch* Men of War, that were then under my Command, have loſt about 400 Men.

The Loſs that the Land-Forces have ſuſtain'd, I am not acquainted with; but 'tis reported that the Killed, Wounded and Taken, are about 700 Men.

June 9th. 1694.

PUrſuant to the Reſolutions of a Council of War held laſt Night, at Five a-Clock this Morning we came to Sail, the Wind at E. S. E. and ſtood out of the Bay, at Noon had *Fountain-head* S. S. E. four Leagues diſtant, falling calm till ſix in the Evening; then a fine Breeze at N. E. at eight at Night, the South-end of *Uſhant* bore N. by W. four Leagues diſtant.

On the 10th.

At four this Morning, *Uſhant* bore S. E. by S. about five Leagues diſtant, the Wind at E. by S. veering to the S. E. ſeveral Ships appear'd in ſight, which prov'd to be the Bomb-veſſels and Store-ſhips, which we had ſo long wanted: Upon which there was a Council of War called, where being propoſed, whether (ſince their Arrival) we ſhould alter the Reſolutions of the laſt Council of War,

War, it was reſolved in the Negative; ſo we made Sail for *Spithead*, and at eight at Night had *Uſhant* S. by E. ½ E. about nine Leagues diſtant.

On the 11*th.*

Little Wind from E. S. E. to South, inclining to Calms. Since we took our departure laſt Night, we have gone N. E. ſeventeen miles diſtant, Latitude *per* Account 49 *d.* 18 *m.* departure from *Uſhant* four miles Eaſt, it being S. ½ W. 38 miles.

On the 12*th.*

Thick rainy Weather blowing hard all day, the Wind from E. S. E. to W. S. W. and back to S. E. again: Our Courſe *per* board, all Impediments allowed, is N. E. ½ N. 52 miles, difference of Latitude 40. and Meridian diſtance 32 miles, Latitude *per* Account 49 *d.* 58 *m.* Meridian diſtance from *Uſhant* 36 Miles Eaſt, it bearing S. S. W. ½ W. 28 Leag. and 2 miles; about four in the Afternoon

we hauled both Top-ſails, bore up, and came to our Larboard tack till about eleven, then brought to; to the Eaſtward again; and in bearing up, a Ship run on board us, and ſplit our Fore-Sail, and carried away our Fore-top Gallant-maſt, broke his own Spritſail-yard, which with the Sail hung to the bunt of our Fore-ſail, then drop'd overboard: He alſo loſt his Sprit-ſail Top-maſt, and ſo got clear.

On the 13th.

At ſix this Morning we ſaw the *Bolt* North, four Leagues from us; at eight the *Start* had the ſame bearing and diſtance, the Wind at S. W. fair weather, veering to the E. S. E. At eight at night the Bill of *Portland* bore N. E. by E. about four Leagues; then came up with us the *Surlings* and *Newport*, two ſmall Frigats bound for *New England*. All the following Night proved but little Wind.

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On the 14*th.*

At four this morning the Bill of *Portland* bore N. N. W. about 5 Leagues diſtant, the Wind at S. W. a fine ſmall Gale: At twelve we had the *Needles* N. ½ E. about three Leagues diſtant in the Evening; ſometimes Calm, and ſometimes a ſmall Breeze at E. S. E. We drove till the Flood was done, and then anchored in 12 Fathom-water, being 12 a-clock at night, *Donnoze* bearing N. by W. and *Cul. Cliff* N. by E.

On the 15*th.*

At 6 this morning we weighed, having a fine Gale at S. W. and at half an hour after ten we anchored within St. *Helen's* Road in ſeventeen Fathom-water, where we moored, *Silkiker* bearing N. W. ½ W. and St. *Helen's* Point, South-Weſterly.

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My Lord *Berkeley*, during all this Expedition, has had a great deal of unuſual trouble by reaſon of the Imbarcations of the Soldiers; notwithſtanding which, (both, by his Advice at Councils of War, and iſſuing of Orders, which his Lordſhip has done very methodically) hath behaved himſelf (in my Opinion) with all the Conduct and Prudence that could be expected from any Gentleman in his Station.

Lieutenant-General *Talmaſh*, the Earl of *Macclesfield*, my Lord *Cutts*, and all the Officers of the Land-Forces (I think) have ſhown all the forwardneſs and readineſs imaginable, for the attempting any thing that was poſſible to be done on this occaſion.

There are no Officers of Note (that I can yet hear of) kill'd in this Action, but Monſieur *Lamote*, and Lieutenant-General *Talmaſh* died the *Tueſday* following of the Wound he received in his Thigh; but there are ſeveral Captains, *&c.* who are either kill'd or taken, whoſe Names I am as yet ignorant of.

FINIS.